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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN FILM EXECUTIVE TO VISIT US

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1. KHRISTO KRISTOV DRUMEV, DIRECTOR EXPORT AND IMPORT DIVISION OF BULGARIAN FILMS, WILL ATTEND SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL BEGINNING OCTOBER 12. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, DRUMEV EXPRESSED INTEREST IN DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF AMERICAN AND BULGARIAN FILM WEEKS EXCHANGE WHILE IN US. EMBASSY PROMISED TO FORWARD HIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON.

2. DRUMEV PLANNING TO RETURN FROM SAN FRANCISCO VIA NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON. HE MAY BE CONTACTED THROUGH SAN FRANCISCO FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHAT DRUMEV HAS IN MIND IN RAISING QUESTION OF FILM WEEKS AT THIS TIME. PAST EXPERIENCE WITH BULGARS AT VARNA FILM FESTIVAL FOR EXAMPLE, HAS LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT THEY CONTINUE TO USE FILMS FOR THEIR OWN PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. NONETHELESS, DRUMEV COULD BE A VALUABLE CONTACT IN OUR EFFORTS TO BROADEN RELATIONS AND IS IMPORTANT FIGURE IN BULGARIAN FILMS WHO HAS PERSONALLY DONE MUCH TO INCREASE NUMBER OF AMERICAN FILMS IN BULGARIA (OVER 30 FEATURE FILMS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED

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THIS YEAR). WE HOPE INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES

WILL MEET WITH HIM AND HEAR HIM OUT.
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